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Voting Assistance Officers

"To Do" This Month:

☑ Announce the June 14, 2005 special primary election in the Ohio 2nd Congressional District to fill the seat vacated by Congressman Rob Portman.

☑ Encourage participation in the 2005 Voting Slogan Contest by all U.S. citizens.

Participants can enter as many times as they wish. See Page 2 for details.

☑ Ensure that you are on the distribution list for the FVAP News Releases and this Newsletter. VIN is available by e-mail, regular mail, or both! News Releases are available only by e-mail. Contact our office (see page 4) to be added to the distribution list.

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A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) for voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.

The *Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)* and the Period Covered by Single Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)

In response to numerous questions from state and local election officials, the FVAP would like to reiterate guidance concerning the extension of the period covered by a single absentee ballot application.

The Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program stands by its guidance distributed in August 2003 regarding the interpretation of Sec. 704 of the *Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)*, Extension of Period Covered by Single Absentee Ballot Application. The Department of Justice concurs with that guidance.

The current *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* Sec. 104 (a) as amended by the HAVA reads as follows:

"If a State accepts and processes an official post card form (prescribed under section 101) submitted by an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter for simultaneous voter registration and absentee ballot application (in accordance with section 102(a)(4)) and the voter requests that the application be considered an application for an absentee ballot for each subsequent election for Federal office held in the State through the next 2 regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office (including any runoff elections which may occur as a result of the outcome of such general elections), the State shall provide an absentee ballot to the voter for each such subsequent election."

FVAP Interpretation:

Upon receipt and approval of a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) from a UOCAVA citizen, the State shall provide the citizen with ballots for each subsequent election for Federal office through the next two general elections. This became effective January 1, 2004.

Example 1: If an election official received an FPCA from a UOCAVA citizen qualified to vote in the jurisdiction between January 1, 2004 and the state's registration deadline for the November 2004 election, the State will provide the citizen with ballots for each election that includes Federal offices through the 2006 election cycle.

Example 2: If the election official receives an FPCA from a UOCAVA citizen qualified to vote in the jurisdiction after the state's registration deadline for the November 2004 election and before the state registration deadline for the November 2006 election. The State will provide the citizen with ballots for each election that includes Federal offices through the 2008 election cycle.

In order to notify local election officials of their current mailing address, the FVAP will continue to recommend that UOCAVA citizens submit an FPCA annually in the month of January and whenever they move or change their mailing address.

The complete *Help America Vote Act* Interpretive Memorandum may be accessed at <http://www.fvap.gov/leo/havamemo.html>.



"To Do" This Month

(continued):

☑ Ensure that citizens you assist have submitted new FPCAs to their local election officials if they have recently changed their mailing address or are residents of a state holding elections this year.

☑ Make sure your organization's budget provides funding for voting materials such as FPCAs and FWABs. Ensure that you have adequate supplies of these items on-hand and order additional stock, if necessary.

☑ Plan to attend a FVAP workshop to ensure you are properly trained to provide assistance to your citizens. If your installation or location would like to host a workshop in 2006, contact your Embassy, Consulate or Major Command VAO to request that a workshop be scheduled.

FROM THE DESK OF THE ARMY SENIOR SERVICE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE

As The Adjutant General and the Army's Senior Voting Representative, it is my pleasure to have been asked to include my personal note of encouragement in this newsletter to all our Voting Assistance Officers (VAOs) and send a reminder to them to begin preparing for the upcoming 2006 General Elections.

The next Federal election is in November 2006, but it's important to remember the state and local elections are continually being conducted, and our Soldiers deserve the opportunity to participate in those elections. Additionally, it's very important to keep your voting assistance efforts headed in the right and not wait until the last minute to publicize and distribute critical information and timelines as it related to the Voting Assistance Program.

Voting Assistance Officers (VAO) at all organizational levels must review the most recent version of AR 608-20, Army Voting Assistance Program, because this regulation clearly defines the responsibilities at all organizational levels. VAOs must be appointed at the Major Command, Installation, Garrison and unit level. Recently appointed VAO's should make time to thoroughly review and familiarize themselves with the important VAO duties as described in AR 608-20. For online training, E-learning CD-ROM, and other valuable resources please visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website at www.fvap.gov and select "Voting Assistance Information".

Please encourage Soldiers who want to vote using the absentee ballot process to send in a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to their

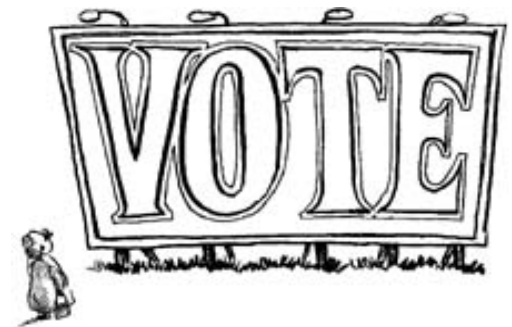
respective state official as soon as possible because this will allow voting registrars to update their database with the Soldier's current mailing address and ensure absentee ballots can be sent to the current address for all upcoming elections.

Again, please continue to review the Army's Voting Assistance Website at <http://www.vote.army.mil/> and the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at <http://www.fvap.gov/> for current voting information.

As I conclude, please remember that I and my staff stand committed to providing accurate and timely voting information and assistance to you and all Soldiers regardless of where you continue to perform your duties in support of ongoing Army missions and initiatives.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Army's Voting Officer at (703) 325-4530 or visit the Army's voting website at: <http://www.vote.army.mil/>

COL(P) Eric Porter
The Adjutant General ☑



Ohio To Hold a Special Primary Election on June 14, 2005 for Representative in Congress from the 2nd District

On Tuesday, June 14, 2005, there will be a special primary election in the Ohio 2nd Congressional District followed by the general election on August 2, 2005 to fill the seat vacated by Congressman Rob Portman who has been confirmed as U.S. Trade Representative. All members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are Ohio residents from the 2nd District should request a ballot for this special election by completing and submitting a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), SF-76, as soon as possible, if you have not done so already in calendar year 2005.

The 2nd Congressional District consists of Adams, Brown, Clermont, Pike, and part of Hamilton, Scioto, and Warren counties. The County Board of Elections must receive applications for registration not later than May 16, 2005. Registration is waived for members of the U.S. Armed forces and their spouses and dependents residing outside Ohio. If you are already registered or if you are not required to register, and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the county board of elections so that it arrives no later than noon on June 11, 2005. To determine whether you are in above Congressional Districts, you can click on Communicating With Your Elected Officials, then Who is my Representative? at the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website, www.fvap.gov.

Ohio accepts the online version of the FPCA that can be found at www.fvap.gov. For members of the Uniformed Services and their spouses and dependents, Ohio allows you to send the FPCA for ballot request by

fax. After faxing, submit the original FPCA by mail. Ohio also allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax.

Consult [Chapter 3](#) of the *2004-05 Voting Assistance Guide* for further instructions and county mailing addresses. The County Board of Elections must receive voted ballots by close of polls on election day. If you are voting from outside the U.S., the voted ballot must be signed, mailed and postmarked not later than the close of the polls on election day. It will be counted if it is received not later than 10 days after the election.

Uniformed Services voters may submit the completed FPCA by fax using the following numbers: 1-800-368-8683, (703) 693-5527 or DSN 223-5527 (military). Also, at www.fvap.gov, there is a list of toll-free fax numbers from overseas countries for use by U.S. citizens overseas. Voters must provide a return transmission fax number on all documents sent via fax. Consult Appendix D of the *2004-05 Voting Assistance Guide* when using this method. After faxing, remember to submit the FPCA by mail.

For assistance, the FVAP can be contacted through the DoD Voting Information Center (VIC). Citizens may reach the VIC toll-free from 67 countries using the toll-free telephone numbers listed on the FVAP website, www.fvap.gov. In the U.S. or Canada, call 1-800-438-VOTE (8683) or (703) 588-1343 or use DSN (military) 425-1343 to access the VIC. Information is also available at the Ohio Secretary of State website www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/. ☒

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All of the above can also be reached through the DoD Voting Information Center and the FVAP Website.

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Comments or suggestions on
this newsletter are welcome.

Website:
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Vote!

Voting Slogan Contest Continues

"It's your Future. VOTE for it! That was 2004-05 winning slogan. It was displayed on FVAP's motivational posters worldwide. You could see these posters at military bases, embassies and consulates and even on the evening news.

To be part of the action, get your slogan nomination(s) in today. You can submit as many slogans as you want as long as they are submitted separately. Slogans should express in your own words the importance of voting or be inspirational to someone else so that they will be motivated to vote.

JULY 10, 2005 IS THE END OF THE CONTEST! A panel of judges will choose the winning slogan based on originality and motivational value.

The winning slogan will be featured in FVAP's 2006-07 media campaign to encourage voting. It will also be posted on the FVAP web site at www.fvap.gov, in the 2006-07 Voting Assistance Guide, on motivational

posters, audiovisual materials and other FVAP publications. The Secretary of Defense will also award a certificate of recognition for this important contribution. Many slogans not selected, but certainly deserving of recognition, will appear in the 2006-07 VAG.

Email slogans to:
slogan@fvap.ncr.gov

Fax slogans to:
703-6906-1352 or DSN 426-1352

Mail slogans to:
Federal Voting Assistance Program
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Attn: Voting Slogan Contest
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20101-1155

Please type or print legibly on regular 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper, one slogan per page with your contact information on each page. ☒

Moving? Send an FPCA to notify your local election official. Also, send us an email so that you and your replacement can continue receiving this *newsletter*.



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